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H.B. No. 851

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the use of individual graduation committees and other  
3 alternative methods to satisfy certain public high school  
4 graduation requirements.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

6 SECTION 1. Sections 12.104(b-2) and (b-3), Education Code,  
7 are amended to read as follows:

8 (b-2) An open-enrollment charter school is subject to the  
9 requirement to establish an individual graduation committee under  
10 Section 28.0258. [~~This subsection expires September 1, 2019.~~]

11 (b-3) An open-enrollment charter school is subject to the  
12 graduation qualification procedure established by the commissioner  
13 under Section 28.02541. [~~This subsection expires September 1,  
14 2019.~~]

15 SECTION 2. Section 28.025(c-6), Education Code, is amended  
16 to read as follows:

17 (c-6) Notwithstanding Subsection (c), a person may receive  
18 a diploma if the person is eligible for a diploma under Section  
19 28.0258. [~~This subsection expires September 1, 2019.~~]

20 SECTION 3. Effective September 1, 2019, Section  
21 28.02541(a), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

22 (a) This section applies only to a student who:

23 (1) entered the ninth grade before the 2011-2012  
24 school year;

1           (2) successfully completed the curriculum  
2 requirements for high school graduation applicable to the student  
3 when the student entered the ninth grade;

4           (3) has not performed satisfactorily on an assessment  
5 instrument or a part of an assessment instrument required for high  
6 school graduation, including an alternate assessment instrument  
7 offered under Section 39.025(c-2) [~~39.025(c-1)~~]; and

8           (4) has been administered the assessment instrument or  
9 the part of the assessment instrument for which the student has not  
10 performed satisfactorily at least three times.

11         SECTION 4. Section 28.02591(a), Education Code, is amended  
12 to read as follows:

13         (a) The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, in  
14 coordination with the agency, shall collect longitudinal data  
15 relating to the post-graduation pursuits of each student who is  
16 awarded a diploma based on the determination of an individual  
17 graduation committee under Section 28.0258, [~~as that section~~  
18 ~~existed before September 1, 2019,~~] including whether the student:

19           (1) enters the workforce;

20           (2) enrolls in an associate degree or certificate  
21 program at a public or private institution of higher education;

22           (3) enrolls in a bachelor's degree program at a public  
23 or private institution of higher education; or

24           (4) enlists in the armed forces of the United States or  
25 the Texas National Guard.

26         SECTION 5. Subsection (a-2), Section 39.025, Education  
27 Code, as added by Chapter 5 (S.B. 149), Acts of the 84th

1 Legislature, Regular Session, 2015, is redesignated as Subsection  
2 (a-5), Section 39.025, Education Code, and amended to read as  
3 follows:

4 (a-5) [~~(a-2)~~] Notwithstanding Subsection (a), a student who  
5 has failed to perform satisfactorily on end-of-course assessment  
6 instruments in the manner provided under this section may receive a  
7 high school diploma if the student has qualified for graduation  
8 under Section 28.0258. [~~This subsection expires September 1,~~  
9 ~~2019.~~]

10 SECTION 6. Section 39.025(a-3), Education Code, is amended  
11 to read as follows:

12 (a-3) A student who, after retaking an end-of-course  
13 assessment instrument for Algebra I or English II, has failed to  
14 perform satisfactorily as required by Subsection (a), but who  
15 receives a score of proficient on the Texas Success Initiative  
16 (TSI) diagnostic assessment for the corresponding subject for which  
17 the student failed to perform satisfactorily on the end-of-course  
18 assessment instrument satisfies the requirement concerning the  
19 Algebra I or English II end-of-course assessment, as applicable.  
20 [~~This subsection expires September 1, 2019.~~]

21 SECTION 7. Sections 28.02541(g), 28.0258(1), and  
22 28.0259(e), Education Code, are repealed.

23 SECTION 8. Except as otherwise provided by this Act, this  
24 Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of  
25 all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39,  
26 Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the  
27 vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect on the

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1 91st day after the last day of the legislative session.